



OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA

GEOLOGY DAZE SCHEDULE

Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area!

This is your guide to an adventure-filled weekend.

Friday, February 17th, 2012

9:00 am to 1:00 pm Rock-otillo! The Geology of Ocotillo Wells Off-Highway Adventure Tour, meets @ Discovery Center

Whoever said that time travel isn't possible looked a look at a rock! Take a trip back in time with one of our park naturalists, and look at the past through the rocks beneath your feet. Take a look at OW's spectacular geological formations and that tell the story of our past, present and even our future. Be prepared to "rock out" at Ocotillo Wells!

Saturday, February 18th, 2012

8:00 am to 10:00 am Coffee with a Naturalist

Thirsty for some information? Stop by the shower house off of Ranger Station Road for a delicious cup of coffee or hot chocolate. Grab a map and get the latest and greatest information about the programs Ocotillo Wells has to offer!

10:00 am to 4:00 pm OW Rocks! @ Discovery Center

Fast and fascinating. See the geology of OW all in one place! No tires or gas tanks needed!

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Gnarly Beasts of the Past @ Shell Reef

Where did Shell Reef's shells come from? Travel back in time to prehistoric OW and check out the tiny and the mighty critters that left us a spectacular fossil record.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Flash Floods @ Discovery Center

Think you're strong? A flash flood can destroy even the mightiest car or SUV in a matter of minutes! Experience how flash floods can carve canyons, create wide washes and even make temporary lakes. Enjoy hands-on activities about the amazing fortitude of water in the desert.

Programs may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather

Saturday, February 18th, 2012, continued

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Talking Bubbles @ Gas Domes

Find out what makes the Gas Domes bubble! Join our park naturalists to experience the amazing forces going on right beneath our feet!

10:00 pm to 4:00 pm The Sands of Blowsand @ Discovery Center

Discover how the amazing power of wind has created and changed our landscape. Find out how everyone's favorite thrill hill came to be!

11:00 am JR Program: Earth's Treasure Chest @ Discovery Center

Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Learn about the geologic treasures the Earth holds. This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

1:00 pm JR Program: The First "Rock Group" @ Discovery Center

Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Forget Paul, George, John and Ringo, Learn about the first "rock group," Iggy, Sed and Morph. This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

3:00 pm JR Program: Rockology @ Discovery Center

Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Learn about the science of rocks and you may even get the opportunity to sport a shiny new Junior Ranger Badge! This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Stargazing @ the Amphitheatre

Join us at the amphitheatre, located near the Ranger Station, for an incredible look at our night sky. Our park naturalists will amaze you with views of the moon, stars and planets through a telescope. Bring a light jacket and be prepared to enjoy hot chocolate at this family event.

Sunday, February 19th, 2012

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Talking Bubbles @ Gas Domes

Find out what makes the Gas Domes bubble! Join our park naturalists to experience the amazing forces going on right beneath our feet!

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Gnarly Beasts of the Past @ Truckhaven 4x4 Area

Check out the gnarly mega-critters of the past like the short-faced bear, saber tooth cat or the giant megalodon shark!

Did you know...

The common OW mineral gypsum can be ground down into plaster for wallboard in your home.

Sunday, February 19th, 2012, continued

10:00 am to 4:00 pm **Talking “Pumpkins” @ Pumpkin Patch**

Let our park naturalists guide you on a trip into the geologic past when the “pumpkins” were formed. Polish your rock identification skills with “*Rock-otillo*” and win an excellent prize!

11:00 am **JR Program: Quakin’ Shakin’ Shapin’ @ Discovery Center**

Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Learn how earthquakes shape southern California. This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

1:00 pm **JR Program: Thar She Blows! @ Discovery Center**

Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Learn about some fun and exciting things located right here at Ocotillo Wells and you may even get the opportunity to sport a shiny new Junior Ranger Badge! This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

3:00 pm **JR Program: Fossils, Rock Recordings @ Discovery Center**

Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Learn about how history is preserved in OW’s rocks. This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm **Stargazing @ the Amphitheatre**

Join us at the amphitheatre, located near the Ranger Station, for an incredible look at our night sky. Our park naturalists will amaze you with views of the moon, stars and planets through a telescope.

Monday, February 20th, 2012

9:00 am to 3:00 pm **Talking Bubbles @ Gas Domes**

Find out what makes the Gas Domes bubble! Join our park naturalists to experience the amazing forces going on right beneath our feet!

9:00 am to 3:00 pm **Talking “Pumpkins” @ Pumpkin Patch**

Let our park naturalists guide you on a trip into the geologic past when the “pumpkins” were formed. Polish your rock identification skills with “*Rock-otillo*” and win an excellent prize!

9:00 am to 3:00 pm **Gnarly Beasts of the Past @ Truckhaven 4x4 Area**

Check out the gnarly mega-critters of the past like the short-faced bear, saber tooth cat or the giant megalodon shark!



Upcoming Off-Highway Adventure Tour: Truckhaven Treasures

February 24th, 2012

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Meets at Holly Road, off Highway S-22 (The Borrego-Salton Seaway)

We all know that Ocotillo Wells is a haven for trucks, ATVs, Jeeps and Rhinos, but what are the real treasures of OW's newest riding area? Come find out all that Truckhaven has to offer! Highlights include delving into our volatile geologic past, short walks through hidden side canyons, as well as a closer look at some of the residents who share this recreational wonderland with us. Join us for an exhilarating tour through Ocotillo Wells' northern region.



What's up at OW? Tune into AM 1620 Radio Rock-otillo!

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